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In re Application of Brucker et al. Application No. 10/083,711 Filed: February 26, 2002 For: Bifurcated Stent and Delivery System

DECISION GRANTING VIDAS, ARRETT, & STEINKRAUS P.A. PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed December 26, 2002.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that Enrique Malaret, the non-signing inventor, has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. Specifically, the statement of facts of James M. Urzedowski establishes that the inventor was mailed the application papers, including the specification, claims and drawings, but failed to respond to the request that he sign the declaration.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the present petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazetté.

The application file is being forwarded to Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5589.

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